

Marcus F. Wheatland

Newport, R. I.

DR. WHEATLAND is president of the National Medical Association, a member of the Newport Medical Society, the Rhode Island Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the American "Electro-Therapeutic" Association, the American

Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Anthropological Association.

He was born in Bridgeton, Barbadoes, British West Indies, February 18, 1868. He was educated in the private school at Barbadoes until twelve years of age, when he left school and selected the trade of a shoemaker. During his apprenticeship he won first prize for shoes at the Barbadoes Annual Exhibition. He soon after went to work as a journeyman, but on account of his age and size was not



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given work similar to the others.

He became dissatisfied with this and then followed the sea for three years. In 1887 he came to America, and conducted a shoemaker's business on a small scale in Boston. Attendance at Sunday-afternoon meetings gave him a desire for knowledge, and he decided to study medicine. He prepared himself by studying, frequently during the day while at work at the bench. He graduated from Howard University Medical School in 1895, and began the practice of medicine in Newport, R. I., among strangers. After fifteen years he has built up a large practice among all classes of people, having among his patients some of the most distinguished Americans. His friends say that about ninety per cent of his patients are white people.

Dr. Wheatland received an honorary degree from Howard University in 1900. He is one of the examiners for the Rhode Island Sanatorium, a member of the Newport Association for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis, and of the Newport Charity Organization.

Dr. Wheatland says that he has not accumulated much money because he has put back into his business all his available finances in an effort to build up a practice and a reputation for efficiency in his profession.

W. D. Crum, M.D.

Charleston, S. C.

DR. CRUM is a well-known physician. He was born in Charleston, S. C., February 9, 1859. He first attended the Saxon School, established in 1869, a school founded by the military government for colored children. He then attended Avery

Institute, established by the American Missionary Association, graduating in 1875 as valedictorian.

When the South Carolina University was opened to all the youths of the state, he won a scholarship, entered the university and remained through his junior year. When the state government changed hands, a reorganization took place, and colored students were excluded. Nothing daunted, he at once entered Howard University, Washington, D. C., and graduated in medicine in 1880.



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He has been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1881. He has taken high rank, and is noted as a skilled diagnostician. He has devoted much time and study to tuberculosis, and has delivered many lectures in various cities, by invitation, on the prevention and cure of this plague. He is deeply interested in the spiritual, moral, and intellectual uplift of his people and is a trustee of Avery Institute and of several other educational institutions.

Dr. Crum is a Republican in politics. He has been delegate-at-large to four national conventions. He was appointed by President Roosevelt collector of the port of Charleston. This appointment met a storm of protest throughout the South. His friends say that "no charge was brought against him other than that of being a colored man, and that he discharged the duties of the office acceptably to the patrons and to the entire satisfaction of the government," earning a reappointment, as the President declared, "on his merit." On March 4, 1909, Dr. Crum resigned the collectorship to give his entire time to the practice of his profession.

One of the things most highly cherished by him is the letter of President Roosevelt accepting his resignation, in which he said, "You have justified every confidence I reposed in you."